

PLAYING RULES FOR GAME OF

BOCCE

USEFUL TIPS

- 1) Out-of-bounds areas may be predetermined, in which case a pallino thrown into this area is re-played and any ball thrown into this area is out of play.
- 2) A player is allowed one step beyond the line of play and may stretch as far as he can.
- 3) Set up limits as to how far to each side along the line of play a player can stand to "angle" his ball towards the pallino.
- 4) A backward spin can be put on the ball when playing a ball on the fly to make it "hold" when it lands.
- 5) Select a captain and anchor man and have a set rotation of play among the players of each team.

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THE GAME OF BOCCE

The game of Bocce, the most popular outdoor recreation in Italy and many other countries, is fast becoming a favorite in the U.S.A. While the game is often played according to formal and official rules on special courts, the following is a simplified set of rules for use on any grass surface in a backyard or field.

The game can be played by men, women and children with nothing more than a set of Bocce Balls and any area of approximately 50 feet. What follows is a casual and entertaining form of recreation sure to become popular at any gathering of friends.

RULES

The object of the game of Bocce is to get as many balls close to the pallino (the small ball) thereby scoring the maximum points possible.

The game is played between two teams with from 1 to 4 players on each team. The teams can be determined by throwing the pallino out a short distance and having each player throw one ball as close to the pallino as possible. The closest balls determine the players on one team and the others the opposing team. The colors or grooves on the balls will distinguish the balls used by each team.

The game can be played with all players of each team playing together in each frame or if there are an even number of players on each team, each team can be divided equally and the two groups playing from opposite ends of the playing area, as in the game of horseshoes, each playing every other frame.

The toss of a coin determines the team that throws out the pallino to start the first frame. At all times the player throwing out the pallino follows by playing his ball first. A player from the opposing team then plays his ball, trying to get closer to the pallino. At this point the team further from the pallino plays the next ball and continues until they have a ball closer to the pallino than the opposing team. When this occurs the opposing team plays. If they play all of their balls without getting closer to the pallino than the opposing team, the opposing team plays the remainder of their balls trying to get closer to the pallino than the closest ball belonging to the other team.

After all balls have been played, the team with one or more balls closer to the pallino than the other team's closest ball scores one point for each ball. Players who have already played stand near the pallino and act as judges to determine the closest ball throughout the play of that frame. A measuring tape or other means of measure can be used when a decision cannot be mutually agreed upon. The game of Bocce is usually concluded at 21 points.

While the object is to get closest to the pallino, it is permissible for a player to play his ball to knock away an opponent's ball or the pallino and place his ball or a team player's ball in a scoring position. The ball may be rolled or tossed on the fly. Frames are continued until one team reaches 21 points. If a ball from each team is touching or is of equal distance from the pallino, no points are scored in that frame and the same team starts the next frame. The team that scores in one frame starts the next frame by throwing out the pallino and playing the first ball.